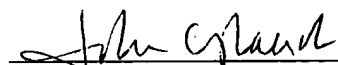


**REMARKS**

This Amendment is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. By this paper, claims 1, 3-16 and 18-25 are cancelled and new claims 26-38 are submitted for examination on the merits. Consideration and allowance of the application including claims 26-38 are respectfully requested.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for early action on the merits. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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